

**8280.0440 RULES APPLIED TO INFORMATION REQUESTS.**

Information request responses are created by applying standardized search logic to the name presented to the filing officer by the filer or submitter. Human judgment does not play a role in determining the response to the information request. Items A to I govern responses to information requests.

A. There is no limit to the number of matches that may be returned in response to the information request.

B. No distinction is made between upper and lower case letters.

C. Punctuation marks and accents are disregarded. Only the letters A to Z in upper or lower case, and numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, in any combination are considered in responding to the request.

D. Words and abbreviations at the end of a name that indicate the existence or nature of an organization are disregarded, including, but not limited to: agency, association, assn., associates, assc., assoc., attorney at law, bank, national bank, business trust, charter, chartered, company, co, corporation, corp, credit union, CU, Federal savings bank, FSB, general partnership, gen part, GP, incorporated, inc, limited, ltd, ltee, limited liability company, LC, LLC, limited liability partnership, LLP limited partnership, LP, medical doctors professional association, MDPA, medical doctors professional corporation, MDPC, national association, NA, partners, partnership, professional association, prof assn, PA, professional corporation, prof corp, PC, professional limited liability company, professional limited liability co, PLLC, railroad, RR, real estate investment trust, REIT, registered limited liability partnership, RLLP, savings association SA, service corporation, SC, sole proprietorship, SP, SPA, trust, trustee, as trustee, or abbreviations of the foregoing.

E. The word "the" at the beginning of the name is disregarded.

F. All spaces are disregarded.

G. For first and middle names of individuals, initials are equated with all names that begin with the initials, and no middle name or initial is equated with all middle names and initials.

H. After following items A to G, to modify the name of the debtor requested to be searched and to modify the names of debtors contained in unexpired financing statements in the UCC information management system, the search will reveal only names of active debtors that, as modified, exactly match the name requested, as modified.

I. The word "and" is the same as the symbol "&."

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